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THE WELCOME TO SANTA MONICA ISSUE

Santa Monica gets first female police chief

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL Santa Monica will soon have its first female police chief.

Jacqueline Seabrooks, the current chief of police in Inglewood and a former member of the Santa Monica Police Department, has been selected to serve as Santa Monica's next top cop following a three month, nationwide search, city officials announced Monday following inquiries made by the Daily Press.

Seabrooks, a Los Angeles native who has served in law enforcement for 30 years — 25 of them with the SMPD, will replace Tim Jackman, who retired last month.

As chief of police, Seabrooks will receive a salary of $238,752, city officials said. She will manage a department with a budget of over $70 million and 443 employees, including 215 sworn officers spread across the divisions of Administration, Operations, Special Enforcement and Criminal Enforcement.

Pending background checks, Seabrooks is expected to take the reigns in May.

"I am equally honored, humbled, and excited to accept this offer to work in the Santa Monica community as its next chief of police," Seabrooks said in a press release. "I am particularly happy to be joining a community that is so involved and leading a police department with great achievements in public safety."

Seabrooks could not be reached Monday for further comment.

Seabrooks was named head of the Inglewood Police Department in 2007. She is the first female


SEABROOKS

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Court upholds affirmative action ban

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Affirmative action proponents took a hit Monday as a federal appeals court panel upheld California's ban on using race, ethnicity and gender in admitting students to public colleges and universities.

The ruling marked the second time the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals turned back a challenge to the state's landmark voter initiative, Proposition 209, which was passed in 1996.

Affirmative action proponents, who had requested that the court reconsider its 1997 decision after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2003 that affirmative action could be used in college admissions, said they would continue fighting.

"We think the decision is wrong," said Detroit attorney George B. Washington, who is representing the group of minority students and advocacy groups that filed the latest challenge in January 2010.

Washington said he would ask the full appellate court to review the case since this decision was issued by a three-judge panel.

In its ruling, the court rejected the plaintiffs' arguments that a new ruling is needed and said the previous decision still applies.

Ralph Kasarda, attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation who had argued in favor

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THE SPOT: **City employees exit the rear entrance of City Hall on Monday. The area behind the historic building may be the site of a new city facility.**

Council finally moves on City Hall expansion

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Sometimes, things move slowly at City Hall.

The Land Use and Circulation Element update, which controls development and transportation infrastructure for the entire city, took over seven years to complete, and even still provides only a rough outline that has yet to be filled in with actual policy.

An analysis of the pros and cons of moveable signs will likely be extended for another year after a three-month trial allowing them on private property on Main Street expired with no formal document

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

What's cooking
Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica
1238 Lincoln Blvd.,
12 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Head chef Neno Mladenovic of the historic Hollywood restaurant Dan Tana's will be teaching a two-hour cooking class for club members and their families. Kids will get to try out new cooking techniques and learn about healthful and delicious food preparation. All guests in attendance will be served a delectable meal by Chef Neno, so come hungry. For more information, contact (818) 612-5217.

Fun with photos
Santa Monica Pier,
Merry-Go-Round Building
11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
"Child's Play," a photography exhibit will take to the historic walls of the Merry-Go-Round Building at the Santa Monica Pier from April 3 to May 28, 2012. The exhibit explores the fun, awkward, whimsical, magical memories and moments of childhood featuring the collaboration of three local photo-artists: Ellen Freyer, Judy Raffel and Eileen Rapke. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

Acting out
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
12:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Veteran improv instructor Brian Hamill hosts this weekly comedy workshop for seniors. All seniors are welcome to take part in the workshop, whether you want to be on stage or in the audience. Cost: free for Senior Center members; membership is free for anyone over 50. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Aloha state of mind
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
The Aloha Spirit exhibit explores the many artifacts, objects and designs that have decorated the rooms of mainland homes. It captures the casual elegance that has charmed visitors to the Hawaiian islands and reveals why these unique styles have found their way into the repertoire of many designers and homeowners who have yet to step foot in the Pacific paradise. For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Laugh riot
Yankee Doodles
1410 Third Street Promenade,
8 p.m. — midnight
Jay Davis hosts this night of standup comedy. Comics from Comedy Central, Showtime and HBO have been known to make an appearance to yuk it up. For more information, call (310) 985-4143.

Freshen up
Arizona Avenue and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 a.m.
The weekly Downtown Farmers' Market is widely considered one of the best in the area — and for good reason. If it's good enough for local chefs at some of the city's finest eateries, it will work for Wednesday dinner. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Dance up a storm
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 a.m.
Each Wednesday night, the Women's Club hosts a night of ballroom dancing complete with lessons until 7:40 p.m. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Cops focus on bicyclists

For the month of April Santa Monica police officers will be cracking down on bicyclists who fail to follow the law.

The Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit has been focusing on different driving behaviors each month that are the primary causes of traffic collisions in an effort to make the streets safer for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Other bad behaviors that have been targeted by the unit include driving while talking on cell phones or texting, driving without a seat belt fastened and failing to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Since Jan. 1, the SMPD has investigated 37 collisions involving cyclists. A majority of the cases involved drivers who were at fault. When a cyclist is at fault, the common causes have ranged from failing to stop at a traffic signal and traveling at an unsafe speed, police said.

"Be careful, be courteous and arrive at your destination safely," said Interim Police Chief Al Venegas.

KEVIN HERRERA

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Student named photojournalist of the year

Santa Monica College Corsair photo editor Michael Yanow has been named Student Photojournalist of the Year by the Press Photographers Association of Greater Los Angeles.

Yanow, 30, of West Los Angeles, was awarded $1,000 and a new Nikon camera in recognition of his work at the awards ceremony held recently in El Segundo, Calif.

He was selected for the award based on a portfolio of 14 images he submitted to judges. The second-place winner is a student at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena.

Yanow, who already has his bachelor's degree in outdoor recreation from the University of Minnesota, came to SMC to study photography in 2009. This is his second semester on the photography staff of the Corsair student newspaper.

In addition, the newspaper also picked up 16 awards, including one for general excellence, at the 57th annual state convention of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges held recently in Burbank, Calif.

The annual event brings together journalism students from community colleges for a three-day convention featuring on-the-spot writing and photography contests and professional workshops. The results of mail-in contests recognizing top work from last year were also announced at the convention, held from March 22-24. More than 550 students from almost 50 community college journalism programs participated in the event.

Both the print and online Corsair news site were honored by JACC with general excellence awards.

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CIVIC CENTER

City accepting donations to save sculpture

Those who want to contribute to a fund to restore the "Chain Reaction" sculpture in the Civic Center can now get a credit on next year's taxes for their trouble.

City Hall will accept donations through its 501(c)3 nonprofit organization the Santa Monica Arts Foundation, which will track the contributions and keep the funds restricted for use only on "Chain Reaction."

It will mean a considerable amount of staff time in terms of tracking and acknowledging the contributions, but it's worthwhile to support the community's efforts, wrote Cultural Affairs Manager Jessica Cusick in an e-mail.

The sculpture, a 26-foot tall mushroom cloud made out of individual copper links, is in need of repairs after 20 years exposed to the elements. It's the largest statue created by Paul Conrad, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist for the Los Angeles Times.

City officials recommended that it be removed from the public art collection and either returned to the family or given to a museum because of the cost of repairs, which were estimated at anywhere between $227,000 and $423,000.

Community activists rose up to save the statute, which they felt was a critical symbol of anti-nuclear speech at a time when the nuclear question is grabbing headlines given the breakdown of the San Onofre power plant and the potential nuclear armament of Iran.

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BIRD BATH

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A group of birds bathe in a water feature outside of the Public Safety Facility on Monday.

Sandler sweeps Razzies

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

SANTA MONICA Adam Sandler and friends have scored a new high — or low — among voters of the Razzies, an Academy Awards spoof that presents prizes for the year's worst movies.

Sandler's "Jack and Jill" managed a Razzies first on Sunday, claiming 10 awards to sweep every single category. Along with the movie's worst-picture award, Sandler won for both worst actor and actress for his dual roles in "Jack and Jill," in which he plays a family man and his own pesky twin sister.

"He didn't play triplets, but he couldn't have won more awards if he had," said Razzies founder John Wilson.

Sandler also shared the "Jack and Jill" Razzies for worst ensemble, worst screen couple opposite either himself or co-stars Al Pacino or Katie Holmes and worst screenplay as a co-writer on the movie.

Pacino won as worst supporting actor for playing himself in "Jack and Jill," while Sandler pal David Spade was named worst supporting actress for his own cross-dressing role in the movie.

It's the only movie in the 32-year history of the Razzies to win every prize.

But the Razzies did not overlook Sandler's other starring role from last year. Sandler's worst-actor prize came for both "Jack and Jill" and his earlier comedy "Just Go With It." Dennis Dugan, the filmmaker behind both comedies, was named worst director for both flicks.

"Jack and Jill" also was picked as worst remake, rip-off or sequel, billed by Razzies voters as a remake or rip-off of Ed Wood's cross-dressing cult favorite "Glen or Glenda?"

Despite the usual bad reviews Sandler receives, "Just Go With It" was a $100 million hit like most of his comedies. But even Sandler fans had second thoughts about "Jack and Jill," which took in only $74 million, one of the worst results among his mainstream comedies.

"Adam Sandler has a pretty much basic attitude of, 'No matter how dumb I make it, my fans are going to pay to see it,'" Wilson said. "I guess it's more about the complete lack of any genuine effort or concern or pride. An attitude of this is good enough, but when you consider what they're charging for movie tickets today, it wasn't good enough.

"It was good enough to get our attention. If you work with the attitude that you're just going to be good enough, then you're probably good enough for the Razzies."

The awards were announced at a gag ceremony Sunday night at a magic shop in Santa Monica, Calif. Razzie winners usually are announced the night before the Oscars, but organizers this time decided to move out of Hollywood's busy awards season and do their show on April Fool's Day.

But it could be a one-time experiment. Wilson said he got feedback from voters of the Golden Raspberry Award Foundation, which anyone can join for a membership fee, that they prefer handing out their prizes around Oscar time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The kids do care

Editor:

I'm 16 years old and this past Monday I missed school to be in Sacramento for the fifth annual Ocean's Day to talk with state lawmakers about the importance of ocean protection and conservation. I was joined by students from around the state, as well as members from Heal the Bay, Surfrider Foundation, and students of Scripps Institute of Oceanography who understand that we will inherit today's resource management decisions.

This month I was surprised to learn that millennials – what they're calling my generation – are supposedly not interested in the environment. A new study published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology said that young Americans are less interested in conserving resources and less civic-minded in general than previous generations. This study made headlines across the country, with many stories quoting lead author Jean Twenge on "generational trends toward more political disengagement, less environmental concern and more materialistic values."

I find the exact opposite to be true. My friends and I are more worried than we should be because of what past generations have left behind and the damage they've done to our environment, our wildlife, and our oceans. We now feel it is our responsibility to fix this problem.

We tried doing just that when we visited Assemblymember Julia Brownley and discussed with her the importance of a statewide plastic bag ban. Within that address, we mentioned the effects that these single-use bags have on the environment, a few of which are plastic marine pollution, climate change impacts, and the protection of fish and marine life. Brownley wishes for as much environmental protection as California will allow and passionately wants to protect our oceans as much as we do. When I met with her, she vehemently agreed on the bag ban and was extremely supportive in our efforts for conservation. While many of the lawmakers supported a Polystyrene ban for the state, some were not as willing to accept a statewide ban on the bag.

In events like Sacramento Ocean Day and International Coastal Cleanup Day, it is clear that students are willing to show up and work to make a difference. In the case of Team Marine, we dedicate weekends to beach cleanups and collect [copious] amounts of plastic marine debris.

I went to [Sacramento] to witness how politics and the environment work together. I learned that there will always be situations where we win or lose, and I definitely saw pieces of both throughout the day. Some legislators were more supportive than others, however, all made an effort to learn and understand.

I went to Sacramento because I want to know how we can make politics and the environment work to protect our valuable resources. When I met with lawmakers on Monday, I wanted them to know that we have to all be on the same page when it comes to conservation for the future because we can't go on any longer if we cannot agree on a common goal. It's our obligation to protect the seals and dolphins and tuna alike, because we are all interconnected.

Annie Wiesenfeld
Santa Monica

Smell the difference

Editor:

I hope that everyone who has voted to get rid of the rose garden in front of City Hall will walk past there in the next few days, and then explain to me how the odor from chlorinated water in a reflecting pool will be more aesthetically pleasing than the fragrance of the beautiful roses that are blooming there right now.

Zina Josephs
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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Painful, but powerful film everyone needs to see

KIM LONGWOOD MAY BE THE MOST hated school administrator in Sioux City, Iowa, if not America, after her inclusion in the movie "Bully." It's a well deserved sobriquet as she victimizes the victim in a schoolyard pattern of abuse. She goes on to shower concerned parents with platitudes and pictures of her new grandchild, ignoring their pleas for something to change, to protect their son Alex who is being mercilessly abused on a school bus.

Watching "Bully" in Century City this weekend was painful. The movie opens with a father talking about his son who has committed suicide because he couldn't suppress the pain from the bullying he was subjected to. It takes us on a journey into the heart of our country and we see how heartless the heartland really is about some issues.

There's the black girl; she's a good student and athlete whose abuse leads her to make a bad decision. Her story is painful, and the cold-hearted sheriff drew gasps from the audience around me as he spoke words that dripped with a lack of understanding of human nature.

One character who is never seen is a young man who killed himself and we see the parents as they go through the funeral, and on to start a nonprofit called Stand for the Silent. We see them strive for some meaning out of the madness of a young man's death.

Kelby is a bright, one time athlete who had a shot at a scholarship until her future was cut short by the bullying she received for being a lesbian. Her family became pariahs in a town that once loved them — for no reason other than who their daughter loves. In one scene Kelby is seen wearing a Santa Monica Beach T-shirt and I couldn't help but think that she looked like so many of the young girls that I drive by every day at the corner of Pico and Lincoln boulevards.

The movie was beautifully done and it has a tremendous message. It really should be mandatory watching in schools for the teachers, the administrators and the students. I think it should be the "Red Asphalt" of today.

The point of the movie is that words matter. Words can do damage and harm. Words can destroy self-esteem, egos, turn happy children into morose suicidal time bombs.

Ironically, most of America is not going to see it. Not because it is some little independent film. No, this was put out by the Weinstein Company, and they know how to get distribution deals. It will not be seen because most theaters wont run it without a rating from the Motion Picture Association of America. The MPAA wanted to give it an R rating based on language. However, if the movie had murders and amputations that would be fine for someone under 17 to see. The Weinstein Company decided to release the movie unrated rather than take the R rating, which is why many theater chains will refuse to carry the movie.

WATCHING 'BULLY' IN CENTURY CITY THIS WEEKEND WAS PAINFUL. THE MOVIE OPENS WITH A FATHER TALKING ABOUT HIS SON WHO HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE HE COULDN'T SUPPRESS THE PAIN FROM THE BULLYING HE WAS SUBJECTED TO.

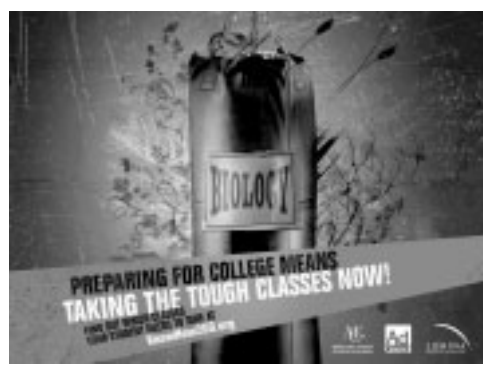
The irony of the MPAA's ruling is astounding. But hardly shocking. They are the Kim Longwoods in this story of the motion picture industry's hypocrisy and isolation. They are so out of touch with America that they really believe that the children of America will be so damaged by hearing a few words in a movie that they require a warning. I guess dismemberment is not damaging but hearing a kid being called a fag is. Imagine what it must be like to be the kid.

It was reported that at the premiere of "Bully" the audience gave a standing ovation to the movie. If I was there I would have been on my feet, and based on the comments I heard in the audience this weekend, I imagine most of them would have been also. To be fair to Ms. Longwood, she evidently did apologize in public at the premiere for her comments in the movie. But based on my personal experience of people who are insensitive to others, the apology is the beginning, not the end, of a long road.

Maybe her apology made the parents of Alex feel better, but I doubt it. For the parents who lost their children, no apology could ever be satisfying.

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Lee H. Hamilton

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In defense of politics

A COMMON INSULT AIMED AT SOMEONE trying to accomplish something in the public realm these days is to say: "He's playing politics with the issue." And if you want to disparage a policy decision? "It was political." Or dismiss an action as barely worth discussing? "Oh, that's just politics."

Bashing politics and politicians may be America's favorite indoor sport — right up there with bashing Congress. So here's my question: How do you resolve issues in this country without politics?

The answer is, you can't. On any major public policy issue, and a good percentage of minor ones, there is more than one viewpoint and a plethora of different interests involved. Climate change, the budget, war and peace, abortion, taxes, transportation spending, deep-sea oil drilling … you name it, it's riddled with politics. So how do you resolve these issues when they come to the fore? We have just one way: our political process. It's how we as a nation battle over ideas, make decisions and search for remedies to the problems that confront us.

So when we demonize politics — when we disparage compromise, ridicule policy makers searching for common ground, criticize legislators who give way on one front so they can make progress on something they care about even more — we drive Americans away from the only reliable means of settling issues that we have. We alienate them from our democracy.

I understand that the process can be discouraging. Issues we care about get sidelined because someone in power feels the need to grandstand or impose his or her own agenda. People make promises they either can't keep or never intended to keep. Each side exaggerates the other's faults and misrepresents the facts to favor their own position. Negotiations over this or that bill can take months — years, even — as everyone jockeys for position. Politics can be messy and unsightly.

And all this, of course, gets thrown into even sharper relief by the media, which has a habit of focusing more on the politics of any given issue — especially if it's in Congress — than on the substance. It may be that it's easier to say that the fight over a tax cut is just political than it is to explain the substance of the issue, but that hardly serves citizens who are trying to understand it.

For the truth is, "politics" often reflects sincere disagreement. Each side genuinely believes that the country will benefit from its position. Or that a bill could be made even better by adding this provision or taking that one out. In fact, politics puts a premium on resourcefulness and the ability to read and understand the opposing side — because it demands that if you're going to forge agreement, you know how to accommodate a range of different interests.

BASHING POLITICS AND POLITICIANS MAY BE AMERICA'S FAVORITE INDOOR SPORT – RIGHT UP THERE WITH BASHING CONGRESS.

When I served in Congress, I ran across people every so often who had simply given up on the political system. "It's nothing but politics," they'd say in disgust, "and I want nothing to do with it!" What invariably struck me at that moment was that we'd been talking about some issue — taxes, maybe, or farm subsidies or social-welfare spending — that actually affected them and their lives. By giving up, they'd given up on trying to reach a resolution.

And that's the danger of turning away from politics. The more people who do, the more we'll be run by the people who've chosen to stay in the game — and who don't necessarily see the point of keeping in mind the interests of those who aren't engaged. Besides, what's the alternative to politics? It's how we make decisions. We don't do it by charging some high-powered committee to impose its will on the rest of us, and we certainly don't do it by dictatorship. We do it by recognizing that in a pluralistic society there will be many voices, and by respecting the process by which they come together and hammer out their disagreements.

I don't expect Americans to quit saying, "Oh, it's just politics." But I do hope that underneath they'll understand that of course it's politics. That's how we settle our differences. And every American who opts out makes the system just a little less representative.

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The Q Line

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Faced with serious deficits, the U.S. Postal Service is recommending the consolidation of services in Santa Monica, which will most likely mean the historic Fifth Street post office will be shuttered and sold. Customers would have to go to the annex on Seventh Street or two other smaller locations in the city to purchase stamps, send packages or pick up their mail from a P.O. box.

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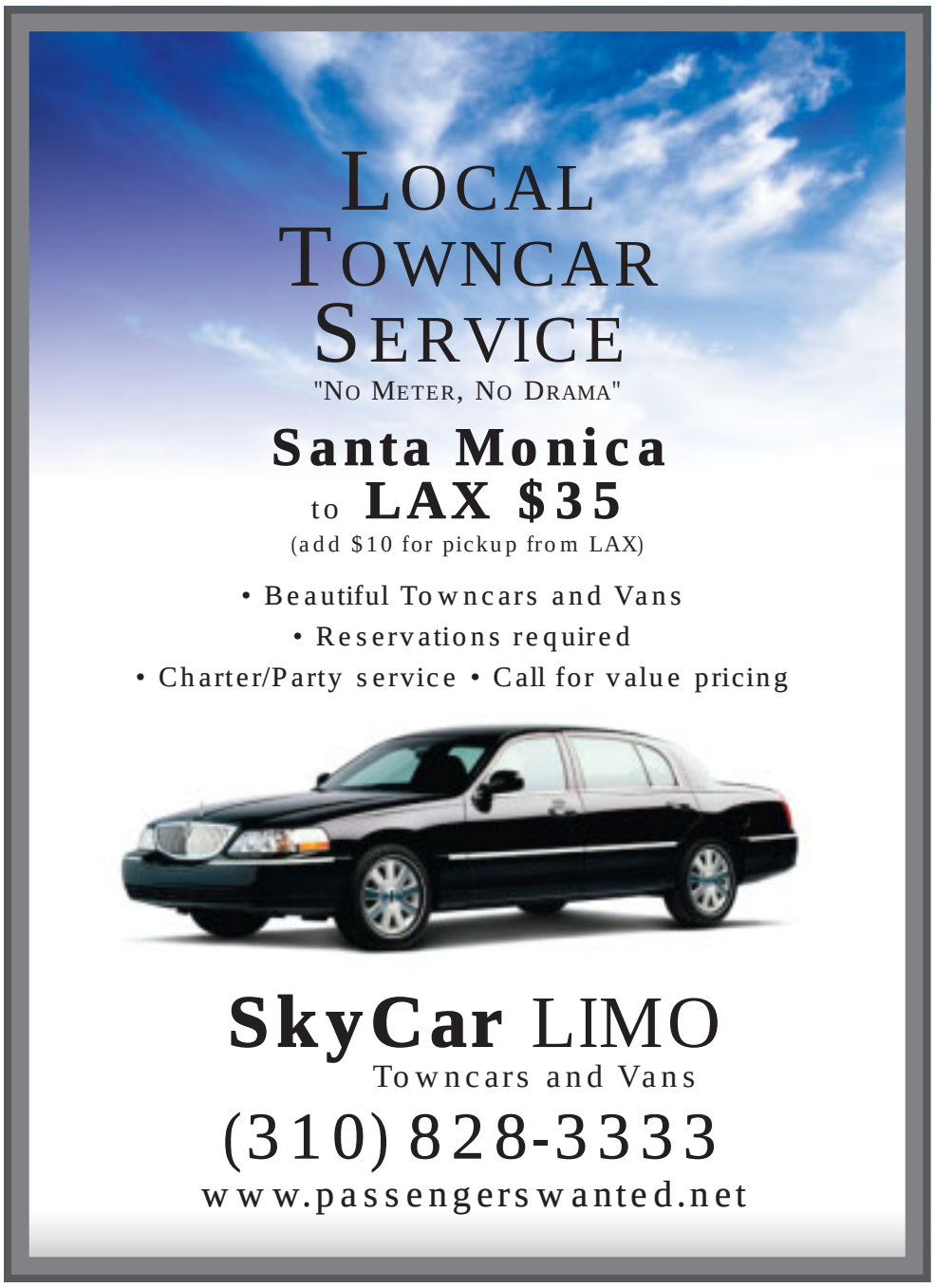
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Gunman kills seven at Oakland Christian school

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. A gunman opened fire Monday at a Christian university in California, killing at least seven people, wounding three more and setting off an intense, chaotic manhunt that ended hours later with his capture at a shopping center, authorities said.

The gunfire erupted around midmorning at Oikos University. Heavily armed officers swarmed the school building in a large industrial park near the Oakland airport. For at least an hour after the shooting began, they believed the shooter could still be at the school.

Television footage also showed bloodied victims on stretchers being loaded into ambulances. Several bodies covered in sheets were laid out on a patch of grass at the school.

Police spokeswoman Cynthia Perkins said seven people were dead. She did not release any other details about the victims.

Myung Soon Ma, the school's secretary, said she could not provide any details about what happened at the small private school, which serves the Korean community with courses from theology to Asian medicine.

"I feel really sad, so I cannot talk right now," she said, speaking from her home. "No one can go there because the access is restricted right now."

Police believe the shooter acted alone, though they have not discussed a possible motive. Those connected to the school, including the founder and several students, described the gunman as a former nursing student.

Officer Johnna Watson said the suspect is an Asian male in his 40s and was taken into custody at a shopping center in the neighboring city of Alameda. Watson would not confirm if he was a student.

Watson said most of the wounded or dead were shot inside the building. The industrial park in which the school is located also includes the county food bank and a local Girl Scouts headquarters.

"It's a very fluid situation and an active investigation," Watson said, declining to discuss details of the arrest or a possible motive.

KTVU-TV reported that the shooter was a student and opened fire in a classroom.

Pastor Jong Kim, who founded the school about 10 years ago, told the Oakland Tribune that the shooter was a nursing student who was no longer enrolled. He did not know if the shooter was expelled or dropped out.

Kim said he heard about 30 rapid-fire gunshots in the building.

"I stayed in my office," he said.

Deborah Lee, who was in an English language class, said she heard five to six gunshots at first. "The teacher said, 'Run,' and we run," she said. "I was OK, because I know God protects me. I'm not afraid of him."

Angie Johnson told the San Francisco Chronicle that she saw a young woman leave the building with blood coming from her arm and crying: "I've been shot. I've been shot."

Federal agents raid medical marijuana learning center

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. Federal agents targeted one of the country's leading pot advocates Monday in a raid on a San Francisco Bay area medical marijuana training school instrumental in pushing for ballot measures to legalize the drug.

The doors to Oaksterdam University in downtown Oakland were cordoned off by yellow tape and blocked by U.S. marshals following an early-morning raid by agents with the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. A museum connected to the school as well as a nearby medical marijuana dispensary operated by Oaksterdam founder Richard Lee were also raided.

Arlette Lee, an IRS spokeswoman, told reporters that agents were serving a federal search warrant but said she could not otherwise comment on the purpose of the raid.

"What we are doing here today is under seal," Lee said.

Agents also raided Richard Lee's home and briefly detained him during their search but did not arrest him, said Dale Sky Jones, Oaksterdam's executive chancellor.

"Clearly they're trying to knock down one of the leaders in the cannabis reform movement," Jones said.

Agents carted trash bags of unknown materials out of the school to a waiting van as protesters gathered to condemn the raids. Oaksterdam University offers classes to would-be medical marijuana providers in fields ranging from horticulture to business to the legal ins-and-outs of running a dispensary. The school does not distribute marijuana.

Demonstrators, some openly smoking marijuana, held signs demanding an end to federal crackdowns on medical marijuana outside the multistory building. A large mural on the side of the school makes the building one of the neighborhood's most visible landmarks.

Ryan Hooper, 26, of Oakland, wearing an Oaksterdam hat and sweatshirt, said he had finished taking courses at the school in February.

"This is not in the best interest of the city," Hooper said. "If they close the dispensaries, all of this stuff is going to go back underground."

Oaksterdam University was founded by Richard Lee, who spent more than $1 million as the main backer of the California ballot measure defeated in 2010 that would have legalized marijuana in the state for recreational use. Lee did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

The city of Oakland has long allowed four medical marijuana dispensaries to legally operate under city ordinances and recently awarded permits that would allow four more to open.

At the same time, federal prosecutors across California have been working for months to shut down dispensaries by threatening to seize landlords' property if they did not evict marijuana retailers.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Bug hunters fan across to stop citrus disease

California bug detectives are fanning across a Los Angeles suburb, setting traps and taking tissue samples from backyard citrus trees in a frantic effort to stop the spread of a tree-killing disease detected there last week.

Agriculture officials are hanging traps and scouting for potentially diseased trees in a half-mile radius.

By the weekend, they surveyed 435 properties, found 178 host plants and took samples from 57 trees that exhibited symptoms: yellowing of new shoots, misshapen fruit and leaf blotching.

Only one case of huanglongbing, or citrus greening, has been detected. The disease has caused billions of dollars in damage across Florida since 2005.

In California, 80 percent of the nation's fresh orange supply is at risk. The state is seeking emergency authority to spray trees in the area.

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SACRAMENTO

Storms boost snowpack, conditions still dry

State water managers say a recent spate of storms has brought California's water supply up to more than half of normal levels, but that is still not enough rain to change dry conditions in Southern California.

The Department of Water Resources' annual survey of the Sierra snowpack released Monday shows the snow across the 400-mile-long Sierra Nevada range is holding about 55 percent the normal level of water for this time of year.

Levels in Southern California are only about 39 percent of normal.

Reservoir supplies will help boost deliveries, but the final amount of water that can be sent to 25 million Californians and nearly 1 million acres of farmland will largely depend on the weather in the next month.

Monday's snow survey was the fourth of five that will be conducted for the season.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Safe containing $10 million stolen from home

Los Angeles police say burglars who broke into a Hancock Park home stole a safe believed to contain $10 million in cash, jewelry and other items.

A Police Department statement Monday says investigators believe crooks jumped a security gate and smashed a glass side door to enter the home in the wealthy neighborhood on March 16.

Police say the burglars took the safe from a walk-in closet, and used a rug to move it down some stairs and out the front door. Police officers responding to a security alarm discovered the burglary.

Investigators are seeking the public's help in catching the thieves.

The victim's name has not been released.

AP

WHITTIER

Volunteers collect cans to keep state park open

Volunteers are collecting bottles and cans for recycling money in an effort to keep open Pio Pico State Historic Park, an adobe home once used by California's last governor under Mexican rule.

The 1850s Whittier landmark is among California state parks that may be forced to close by July 1 due to budget cuts.

The nonprofit Friends of Pio Pico needs to raise $80,000 to keep Pio Pico open another year.

The Los Angeles Times says the gates will be locked, the water shut off and the adobe's collection of artifacts will be shipped to a Sacramento warehouse if the money isn't raised.

The 17-room adobe sits on a 4?-acre site southeast of Los Angeles near the San Gabriel River.

AP

CARSON

Former congressional intern found dead

The body of a young man found floating in a flood channel earlier this week has been identified as a missing Carson man who interned for Congresswoman Karen Bass.

The Los Angeles Democrat issued a statement of condolences Monday to the family of 23-year-old Elgin Stafford, saying that he brought energy and enthusiasm to his role in her Washington office last year.

The Los Angeles Times reports that the USC graduate student had been missing since March 20 and no foul play is suspected in his death.

AP

LANCASTER

Topless bar patron shot to death by security guard

Investigators say an unruly customer ordered to leave a Southern California topless bar returned with a shotgun and was shot to death by a security guard.

Security guards at Snooky's ushered an unruly group of men out of the Lancaster gentlemen's club late Sunday.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Tony Moore says one of the men returned a short time later clutching a shotgun and he confronted a security guard in the parking lot.

The guard fired several times, killing the armed man. His name hasn't been released.

The guard was questioned and released.

About 80 miles away in Harbor City, City News Service says a 27-year-old man was shot to death early Sunday at the Fantasy Gold strip club. The gunman has eluded capture.

AP

CERRITOS

El Monte boy dies after horse kick

Los Angeles County coroner's officials say a 7-year-old El Monte boy has died after being kicked by a horse at a Cerritos stable.

Assistant Chief Ed Winter tells City News Service that the Edwin Ruiz died a couple hours after being injured at a stable Sunday afternoon around 2:15 p.m.

Winter says the boy was kicked in the side and the death is being investigated as accidental.

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$68.4B high-speed rail plan speeds up building schedule

GOSIA WOZNIACKA
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. California's high-speed rail authority released a fresh proposal Monday for a bullet train linking Northern and Southern California, with a price tag of $68.4 billion and a scaled-back design to address sustained criticism of a project that has been called a boondoggle and a train to nowhere.

The revised proposal speeds completion to 2028, about five years earlier, and puts the cost at $30 billion less than a draft plan released last fall.

However, the cost is still $25 billion more than the plan voters approved four years ago.

The revised plan merges the bullet train with existing commuter rail lines in the San Francisco Bay area and Los Angeles basin, providing nearly $1 billion to electrify existing rail tracks in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas, which officials say would speed up rail service and possibly generate more riders.

Michael Rossi, a member of the rail authority's board and a senior adviser on jobs and business for California Gov. Jerry Brown, called the new plan credible and reasonable.

"This project, like the state highway system or the water project, will transform the California economy and help it remain one of the most innovative in the world," he said at a Fresno news conference to release the plan.

Brown, a Democrat, has asked the California High-Speed Rail Authority to revamp its earlier proposal and make construction quicker and cheaper after a draft plan said the project's cost had more than doubled to $98 billion.

Under the updated plan, the Central Valley and the San Fernando Valley would be linked by trains moving at speeds up to 220 mph would link by 2023, expanding on what originally had been proposed as a 130-mile Madera-to-Bakersfield section that critics had lampooned as a "train to nowhere."

Yet the plan still appears to rely heavily upon highly questionable federal financing and private sector investment, noted Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto.

"We've seen numbers in the $30 billion, $40 billion, the $90 billion range, and now we're back in the $60 billion range," Simitian said. He said some of that is semantics, but "I think there is understandably both some confusion and skepticism about what is the system going to cost, and then there's the question of where is the money going to come from?"

Brown will make the case for the rail project when he asks the Legislature in the coming weeks to appropriate $2.3 billion in rail bonds to begin constructing the first phase by year's end.

"We feel good that we've addressed a lot of the public concerns," said Dan Richard, chairman of the California High-Speed Rail Authority. "We feel this is a very, very reasonable and workable path forward for the state."

Brown ordered the board to rethink its previous proposal as polls showed a majority of voters would like to reconsider the $9 billion in startup funding they authorized for the network four years ago.

The updated plan relies heavily on improving existing rail lines in urban areas instead of building dedicated track the whole way.

The so-called "blended" system would still move travelers from Los Angeles' Union Station to the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco in two hours and 40 minutes at speeds up to 220 mph, as voters were promised when they authorized the bullet train system, Richard said.

Nearly $2 billion in upgrades would be made to existing commuter rail lines in the state's urban corridors.

Eventually, riders will not have to change trains when riding between San Francisco and Los Angeles, he said.

"Every step of the way, we will be connected to something and be able to improve service in the intermediate level while building out" a bigger system, Richard said of the "blended system."

Officials said the system would turn a profit even with lower ridership numbers in the revised plan.

A summary of the plan says that getting the first segment built within 10 years and expected positive cash flow will serve as a "launching pad" for private investment in the construction and operation of the full system.

The new plan also assumes an additional $4 billion from the federal government over the next 10 years, despite significant congressional opposition. The state already is expected to receive $3.5 billion in federal money if it breaks ground before the end of the year.

The bulk of the remaining cost would come from fares and private financing, with any shortfall bridged by tapping into California's new industrial "cap-and-trade" program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Critics say the numbers still won't pencil out, although they hadn't seen the revised proposal.

Assemblywoman Diane Harkey, R-Dana Point said the authority's changing plans should lead lawmakers to block the sale of the bonds for the project.

"The entire high-speed rail project needs to go back to the drawing board," she said.

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of the ban, said the court's decision was not surprising since the issue had already been decided. This case was redundant and baseless, he said.

"The bottom line from both decisions by the 9th Circuit — today's and the ruling 15 years ago — is that California voters have every right to prohibit government from color-coding people and playing favorites based on individuals' sex or skin color," Kasarda said in a statement.

At least six states have adopted bans on using affirmative action in state college admissions. Besides California and Michigan, they include Arizona, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Washington.

Advocates of affirmative action say such bans lead to the exclusion of minority students and less campus diversity.

In California, the year after ban was adopted, the number of black, Latino and Native American students at the University of California's most prestigious campuses — Berkeley and Los Angeles — plummeted by 50 percent, according to the plaintiffs cited in the court opinion.

The university has tried to compensate for the drop in those students by using other admissions criteria, including a "comprehensive review" of applicants, admitting the top 4 percent of graduates from any high school and decreasing the weight of standardized tests, the opinion said.

But affirmative action proponents say the measures have not been enough to boost opportunities for historically excluded minorities.

Although blacks, Latinos and Native Americans comprise about half of California's high school graduates, they make up only 19.5 percent of the current freshman class at UC Berkeley. Whites compose roughly 30 percent and Asians 48 percent. The remainder is out-of-state students.

Backers of affirmative action bans say ruling out race, gender and ethnicity criteria guarantees that all applicants are treated fairly and not discriminated against.

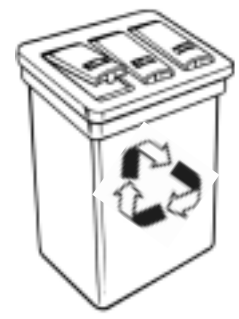
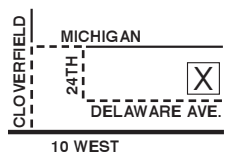
The issue has led to protracted legal battles in several states.

In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court said the University of Michigan Law School could consider race in admissions decisions to promote campus diversity.

That decision led to a three-judge panel of the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals overturning Michigan's affirmative action ban last year. The full appellate court, however, has agreed to reconsider the case.

In February, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear another case against the University of Texas, alleging that use of affirmative action is discriminatory. If the court decides against the university, the ruling could definitively end consideration of race in public university admissions.

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CITY HALL

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ready for review despite overwhelming support by the business community.

Now, 10 years and several studies later, city officials have the green light to pursue designs for a new building attached to City Hall that would consolidate employees now spread across three off-site buildings, a development officials believe will both save money and make city processes more efficient.

The proposed building would be 40,000 square feet and three stories high, situated in the courtyard behind the landmarked City Hall building.

By bringing off-site departments like Finance, pieces of Public Works and the Cultural Affairs Division into the City Hall fold, the new building would be the one place residents and business people would need to get permits, plan checks and licenses.

It's all about streamlining processes and cost savings, said Miriam Mulder of Santa Monica's Architectural Services Division.

"We want to make it a one-stop shop to increase efficiency," Mulder said.

At present, contractors and other professionals have to travel to multiple parts of the city to get plans and permits for the projects they pursue in Santa Monica, be it a single-family home or something larger and more complicated.

It got to the point that the City Council was asked to purchase a software system called ePlan for $298,000 in November 2009 so that people could cut down on the number of trips and amount of paper necessary to get projects approved by various departments.

For one project, an architect — or their employee — would have to go to the Civic Center Parking Lot, the Public Safety Facility and even the City Yards on Michigan Avenue to get various approvals and plan checks.

That involved driving around the city with rolls of plans as thick as tree trunks, wasting gas and time while mounting frustration.

Steve Bilson of Rewater Systems, a company that specializes in recycling used water from laundry, showers or other home sources, has experienced the difficulty of the city process first hand.

Bringing various departments together could be helpful, particularly to those with multiple projects going through the pipeline at the same time, Bilson said.

"From the perspective of building permits and one-stop-shopping, it would be great," Bilson said. It doesn't solve existing problems he has with the ePlan system, which, as a digital system, doesn't need users to be next to one another anyway.

Axing the three leases would also save $2 million a year, money that could be used to leverage funding for the new building rather than just paying out on rent with no return.

There will be a payback period, Pastucha said, but it will be worth it in missing resources.

A 40,000-square-foot building will not solve all of City Hall's space issues. Past estimations went up to 70,000 square feet, which would bring in all off-site staff and leave room for growth, wrote Mulder in an e-mail.

The City Council accepted the report with a tired enthusiasm. It was the third time that some of them had heard staff discuss plans for additional centralized office space, a need first identified in 2002 by the Sares Regis Group of Northern California.

At that point, the proposed building was three times as big and planned for Main Street, northwest of City Hall.

In 2005, a revised Civic Center Specific Plan recommended a 40,000-square-foot building to be built on the north slope between City Hall's north parking lot and Interstate 10.

That got dismissed later when terraces were discovered on the north slope that were later given landmark status.

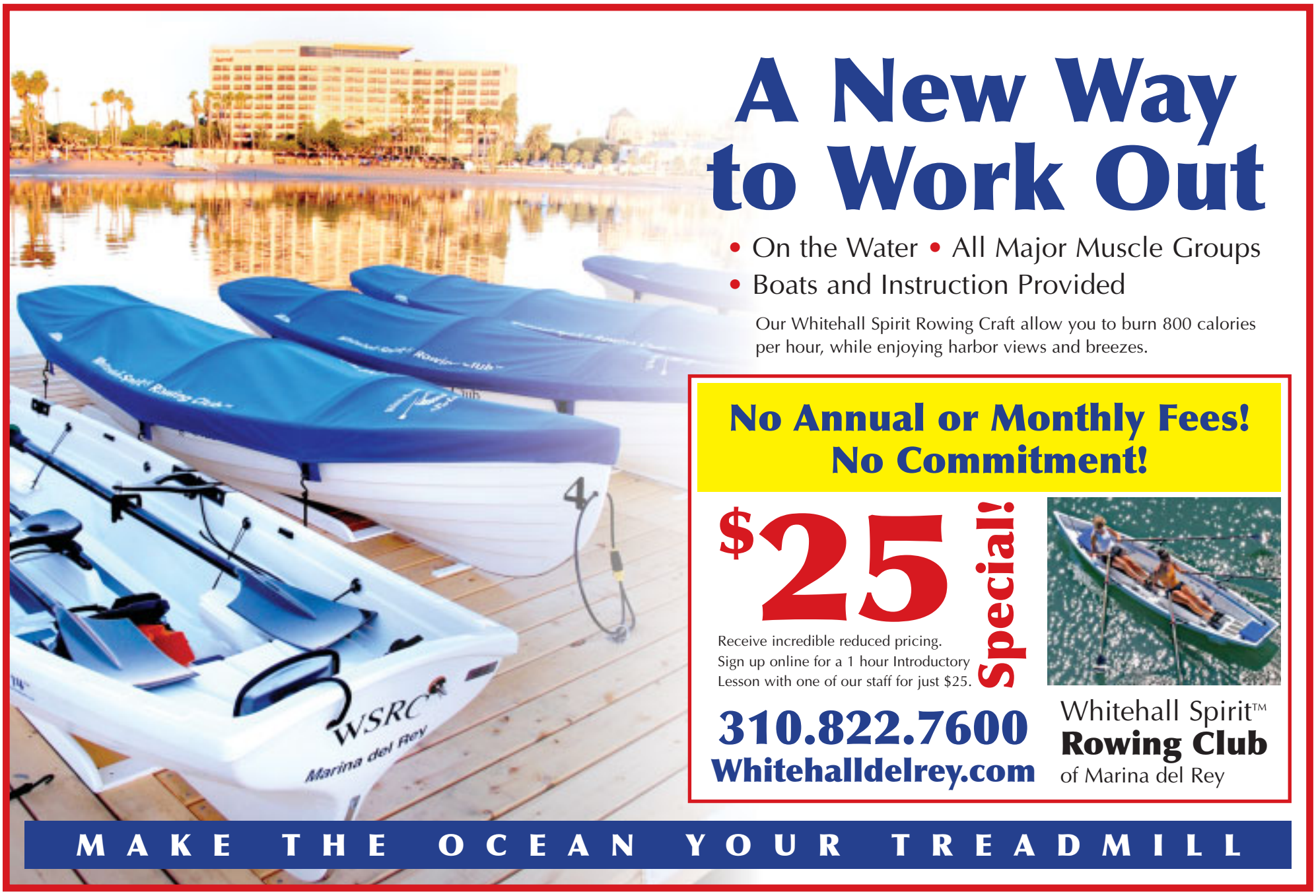
Plans were revisited in 2007 and then finally in 2008, at which point the City Council required that new leases be negotiated for the shortest possible duration in order to keep options open to move staff closer to City Hall.

In the meantime, other parts of the plans and studies outside of the City Services Building have been accomplished or are in progress, including the new Public Safety Facility and seismic retrofits to the Civic Center Auditorium.

Councilmember Bob Holbrook endorsed the plan but pressed staff to look beyond the 40,000-square-foot building proposed and get the biggest building possible for the space.

The council voted unanimously to move the item forward. Staff will now have $500,000 to find a consultant to mock up a design and give an estimate of how much the building will cost.

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CHIEF
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to hold the position in the organization's 100-plus year history. During her tenure she has been faced with a series of high-profile incidents, including officer-involved shootings involving unarmed suspects. She has been credited with increasing accountability and transparency within the Inglewood Police Department.

"I am delighted to announce that Chief Seabrooks will return to Santa Monica to complete her remarkable career in law enforcement," said City Manager Rod Gould. "Twenty five years in the Santa Monica Police Department, rising from police officer to captain and holding numerous specialty assignments in between, have prepared her well to lead this department.

"Jacqueline Seabrooks' four and one-half years as chief of police in Inglewood have tested her and proven her metal," Gould added. "While at Inglewood, she has provided great service to that community in stabilizing and improving law enforcement services, despite tremendous external scrutiny and budgetary pressures."

Seabrooks joined the SMPD in 1982, a year after beginning her law enforcement career. In 1990 she was the first woman to be promoted to the rank of sergeant. She continued this trend of firsts when in 1996 she was promoted to lieutenant and in 2000 to police captain.

Former Santa Monica Police Chief Jim Butts, who is now the mayor of Inglewood, worked with Seabrooks for 15 years and promoted her to the rank of captain before he left in 2006 to take over as head of security for Los Angeles World Airports. Butts said he has watched Seabrooks blossom into a true law enforcement professional with the intelligence, understanding and compassion to be a great leader.

"She has made great strides in lowering the violent crime rate and she handled a very difficult and challenging situation in the aftermath of several officer involved shootings, and the training and disciplinary issues that were associated with them," Butts told the Daily Press Monday. "Everything she has achieved has been well deserved. She did great in the city of Inglewood and will continue to do so when she gets back to Santa Monica."

Butts served with the Inglewood Police Department for 19 years before being selected to lead the SMPD in 1991.

He said Seabrooks is "extremely no nonsense, highly educated, very articulate and very strategic."

SMPD Lt. Jay Trisler, vice chair of the Police Officers Association, said the union welcomes Seabrooks and looks forward to working with her.

"We will give her our full support and help her succeed," Trisler said.

Seabrooks has a master's degree in public policy and administration from California State University, Long Beach and a bachelor of science degree in public administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She is a member of several professional associations including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and she serves as a board member of the California Police Chiefs Association.

Sources within the SMPD said during Jackman's tenure morale amongst the rank-and-file took a hit as officers craved someone who was more involved with the day-to-day operations of the department. There is a feeling that bringing in Seabrooks, who is intimately familiar with the city and its officers, will help give the troops a boost.

During her time with Santa Monica, Seabrooks was instrumental in guiding the SMPD's response to gang violence. Seabrooks was also instrumental in developing and providing training to the men and women of the SMPD in the area of cultural competencies. She also provided this training to several police agencies in Louisiana and Massachusetts.

Seabrooks has been an active supporter of the Police Activities League's (PAL) youth programs for many years. She also served as a volunteer tutor through a literacy program hosted by the Santa Monica Library.

The candidate pool was deep in executive level experience in some of the premier law enforcement agencies in the U.S., Gould said.

To ensure that the process was as objective and comprehensive as possible, City Hall engaged the services of the International City County Management Association (ICMA) and International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) to advise on the recruitment. This included conducting 35 interviews with members of the SMPD and the community to develop a profile of the department and the desired traits and characteristics for the next chief.

It included development of a tool to screen the initial paper applications and phone interviews down to the five candidates who undertook a full-day assessment on March 27. The assessment center involved six exercises designed to replicate day-to-day challenges for the police chief in Santa Monica. The exercises were scored by specially-trained raters from the community and organization. At the conclusion of the assessment center, the two top performers underwent additional interviews with the city manager, city attorney, and key staff.

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Stocks rise, building on soaring first quarter

DANIEL WAGNER
AP Business Writer

A positive report on U.S. manufacturing overshadowed concerns about weaker global growth and lifted stocks to multi-year highs Monday. The gain added to the best first quarter for stocks in more than a decade.

The Institute for Supply Management said that its index of manufacturing activity rose strongly this month. A measure of manufacturing employment rose to a nine-month high.

Stocks in the U.S. and Europe had tilted negative but rose after the ISM report. The S&P 500 closed up 10.57 points, or 0.8 percent, at 1,419.04. That was its highest close since May 19, 2008.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 52.45 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 13,264.49. It hasn't closed that high since the last day of 2007. The Nasdaq composite average gained 28.13, or 0.9 percent, to 3,119.70.

From January through March, the Dow rose 8 percent and the S&P 12 percent, the best first quarter for those indexes since 1998. The Nasdaq rose 19 percent, its best first quarter since 1991.

Groupon plunged 17 percent on the first trading day after the company said its internal controls are weak and its fourth-quarter loss was bigger than initially reported.

Still, the rally was broad, lifting all 10 of the S&P 500's industry groups. Rising commodity prices gave materials and energy companies some of the strongest gains.

A weaker report on U.S. construction activity kept traders' enthusiasm in check. Builders slowed their activity for a second straight month in February, pushing construction spending down by the largest amount in seven months.

The conflicting U.S. economic reports followed mixed data from overseas.

Surveys of Chinese factory executives shaded an uneven picture: A government-sanctioned report said that manufacturing there gained momentum for a fourth straight month.

But a separate survey by megabank HSBC suggested that China's export activity is contracting. The HSBC survey recorded its lowest average reading in three years in the first quarter.

Later, a survey of European manufacturing executives by financial data firm Markit fell to a three-month low. The result indicated that manufacturing activity there is contracting.

Europe's statistics bureau said that unemployment in the 17 countries that use the euro has risen to 10.8 percent, the highest level since the launch of the euro in 1999.

The nervous tone boosted demand for ultra-safe Treasurys, sending the yield on the 10-year Treasury note down to 2.19 percent from 2.24 percent earlier Monday.

Trading on the New York Stock Exchange was lighter than average. Many traders looked ahead to the U.S. March jobs report, due out Friday. Economists expect that job creation slowed modestly after three of the strongest months for the labor market since the recession.

European markets soared in their final 90 minutes of trading after the U.S. factory report was released. France's CAC 40 rose 1.1 percent, London's FTSE 100 gained 1.8 percent, and Germany's DAX added 1.6 percent.

In corporate news:

• Avon Products Inc., which makes hair gel, makeup and watches, leaped 17 percent after the company rejected a $10 billion buyout offer from Coty Inc., a giant German perfume company.

Avon reported a fourth-quarter loss earlier this year and is in the hunt for a new CEO. The company has struggled as it attempts to put behind it an overseas bribery investigation that began in 2008.

• Express Scripts rose 2 percent after it completed its $29.1 billion acquisition of Medco Health, creating the country's largest pharmacy benefits manager.



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Immigration officials arrest more than 3,100 nationwide

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WASHINGTON The Obama administration said Monday it arrested more than 3,100 immigrants who were illegally in the country and who were convicted of serious crimes or otherwise considered fugitives or threats to national security. It was part of a six-day nationwide sweep that the government described as the largest of its kind.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the sweep included every state and involved more than 1,900 of the agency's officers and agents.

The sweep comes nearly a year after ICE pledged to focus on deporting illegal immigrants with serious criminal histories and those who posed national security threats, while going easier on many who stay out of trouble. The agency's director, John Morton, said the arrests underscored that focus.

"There are 3,168 fewer criminal aliens and egregious immigration law violators in our neighborhoods," Morton said.

Officials said most of those arrested had entered the country illegally. Others had violated the terms for legally being in the United States and were subject to deportation.

More than 1,000 of the people arrested had multiple criminal convictions. The most severe cases included murder, manslaughter, drug trafficking and sexual crimes against minors.

The totals included an estimated 50 gang members and 149 convicted sex offenders. The cases of at least 204 of them were referred to federal prosecutors for a variety of serious charges, including illegal re-entry after deportation, a felony that can carry up to 20 years in prison.

Morton issued guidelines in June that suggested the agency would ease up on illegal immigrants who are military veterans, elderly, in the United States since childhood or had relatives who were citizens or legal residents. In August, the Department of Homeland Security announced a review of about 300,000 cases in the nation's clogged immigration courts aimed at giving reprieves to the lowest-priority offenders.

Latinos and other immigrant communities have eyed the pledges warily as the Obama administration has removed record numbers of illegal immigrants — nearly 400,000 in each of the last three years.

The agents participating in last week's sweeps typically knock on doors early in the morning before people go to work.

A San Diego team began Wednesday in a neighborhood of large, cookie-cutter homes, looking for a Laotian man who had convictions for burglary, assault, amphetamine possession and disorderly conduct. After 20 minutes of waiting in unmarked cars, a person emerged who told law enforcement that their target wasn't home.

From there, the agents went to a modest neighborhood in suburban Chula Vista to look for a Cuban who had convictions for involuntary manslaughter, battery, vehicle theft and spousal abuse. A resident said the man moved, and a next-door neighbor corroborated.

The third stop finally produced an arrest — a Somali man who was on supervised release for a drug conviction. He was living at a halfway house in San Diego.

In all, the San Diego agents targeted 14 illegal immigrants and found six. They arrested six others who were not targets, increasing the day's arrest tally to 12. Lauren Mack, a spokeswoman for ICE, said the non-targets either had deportation orders or were previously removed from the United States.

The sweep included 116 different nationalities and represented the third such sweep under the program called Operation Cross Check. The last sweep resulted in the arrest of about 2,900 people.

'Texting lane' just for laughs, but issue serious

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA The sidewalk lanes for the digitally distracted may be a joke but officials in Philadelphia want the public to know the issue is no laughing matter.

Lines on some sidewalks near City Hall now designate part of the pavement as "e-lanes" suitable for chronic texters and digital music aficionados — although only through the end of the week.

The April Fools' Day prank is one way city officials, in particular Mayor Michael Nutter, are trying to draw attention to the danger of inattentive pedestrians.

The lines, signage and sidewalk graphics — depicting a pedestrian peering down at a hand-held device — will stick around part of John F. Kennedy Boulevard through the week.

A bogus video released for the new lanes shows Nutter being cut off mid-interview by an oblivious pedestrian, played by Streets Department Deputy Commissioner Steven Buckley.

"Sidewalk safety is important," Nutter noted just after his mock interview was disrupted. The video also features a rowdy band of anti-texting protesters.

All kidding aside, officials said distracted pedestrians are a serious issue the city plans to address.



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My Personnel File: Why Do I Want it and How Do I Get a Copy?

The permanent record from our youth may have been a ruse cooked up to keep children in line, but these days, we are close to having permanent records due to our rapidly all encompassing digital world. Thankfully, personnel files are not yet in digital format. While we still can, we should at least always be prepared to have access to these records to check and to fix any wrong information. We may also want access when we think we should get a raise and want to use former evaluations, client letters, or training records to get it.

The Why:

More often than not, employees do not even know how to access this information until they talk to a lawyer. And if you are talking to a lawyer about work, something's already gone wrong. Lawyers want to see what your performance record is, any personnel actions and the basis, or any other records that could help determine whether, say, a termination was legally wrongful or justifiable in light of the bigger history. Most of these employment cases turn on performance, the reason the employer gives for the termination, versus whatever you as a plaintiff will show. For example, one good way to maintain better records in your file is to put in writing what you disagree with, such as in a negative evaluation. Later when these are reviewed, and the employee has these notes, it will be more difficult for a bad employer to justify their wrongful behavior through performance issues.

Another reason to keep track is that personnel records can be subpoenaed by a third party, which is something that could happen in any type of legal action where you are involved. The law does require that you are given a notice and opportunity to object to the subpoena. If any of it is relevant to whatever legal action is happening, not necessarily even an employment case, then usually the subpoena is allowed.

The How:

There are no federal laws about these records, but California has very clear laws. Still, some employers do not know them or follow them properly so it is better to know your rights and educate your employer if needed. Here are the types of records that you are legally entitled to get: Pay Records: Employers have to keep for at least three years of your pay records and give their employees a copy within 21 days of request or face civil penalties (Labor Code 226). Personnel Files: Employers have to keep records and give you access to them within a reasonable time (Labor Code 1198.5). All documents you signed: These are the ones signed at hire or as continuing term and condition of employment (not documents signed in the course of conducting business). (Labor Code 432).

Tips: Though these requests do not have to be in writing, it is usually better so that you can keep track of the response time. Employers may have part of your personnel file in different offices. Be sure to know where yours is kept so when the time comes you know how to find it without being given the run around. Ask for or make copies of all personnel documents as they come up and hold on to the hiring paperwork so that you have your own set for comparison later.

Unemployment Benefits: Do I Qualify?

The news is not getting better about the economy and the unemployment office has to be really picky when it comes to claims. You were not laid off, but instead quit or were terminated. How can you file for unemployment and be approved? This is one of the most often asked questions from my clients. Some who are still working want to know if they should quit or wait to be terminated. The decision will vary from person to person to situation. The decision can also be personal or health related or that you just want to be out of there. Here are some legalities to consider in your decision.

The Quit:

In a situation with a quit, there is generally just one type of circumstance that will get you these benefits. If you can show that you quit because the work conditions were such that no reasonable person could be expected to work there, then you can still qualify for the benefits. This is a high standard limited to what the law requires of the workplace, such as safe conditions, free from harassment, being paid, and free from retaliation. This is not an easy showing to make and so arguments based on personality, rudeness, bad bosses, etc, will not fly.

The Termination:

Most people think that if you have been terminated, there is no unemployment for you. However, there are exceptions to this. Of course, if you have been terminated based on policy violations, gross misconduct, and other severe actions, then you are disqualified. One way to overcome that, if the facts are there, is the exception that the conduct may not have been appropriate but it was an isolated instance of poor judgment, or something excusable that happened the one time for a good reason. Criminal activity at work or assault or harassment is never excusable.

The Wrongful Termination:

If you have been "wrongfully terminated" in the legal sense, you may still qualify for unemployment. Most employees who file lawsuits have been terminated. If the facts are there for a lawsuit, then they should be there to qualify you for unemployment. You need to show that the termination was not based on whatever the employer is claiming, but because of some legal violation they have committed. For example, if you complain of sexual harassment, then a week later, you are terminated for some work issue that happened two months ago, then the termination was retaliation. When an employer retaliates for your report of a prohibited workplace activity, that employer just violated anti-retaliation laws.

Tip: If you are unemployed but develop a disability and you can't work, then you no longer qualify for unemployment. At this point, apply for State Disability Benefits. Again, these is not easy to get and you will need medical proof, but it is one safety we are lucky to have here in California.

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Groupon restatement sparks more worries for investors

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NEW YORK Groupon's announcement that its revenue and earnings were lower than what it reported in February is sparking fresh worries about the young company's business model.

Trouble arose when the online deals company said late Friday that it had to revise its previously issued fourth-quarter results to increase the money it set aside for refunds to customers. A big reason: It is selling more expensive deals, such as vacation packages and Botox procedures, which have higher return rates.

Investors responded by selling Groupon's stock on Monday, and shares fell 17 percent. Some analysts are wondering if Groupon, which began trading publicly less than five months ago, will be able to leave behind its growing pains.

"We believe Groupon is now a 'show-me' story, where a company's ambitions are higher than the level of its internal planning and controls," Jordan Rohan, an analyst with Stifel Nicolaus, said in a note to investors. He downgraded the company's stock to "Sell," from "Hold."

"The company claims that the returns do not threaten its expansion and growth," Rohan wrote. "We prefer to wait and see."

Internal controls are systems that companies have in place to make sure that their financial reporting is accurate and that they can meet business goals. Late Friday afternoon — a popular time for companies to release bad news — Groupon also disclosed that its auditors found a weakness in its internal controls, but insisted that its business is solid.

Founded in November 2008, Groupon pioneered the online daily deals market, which offers subscribers deep discounts on everything from restaurant meals to tech gadgets to weekend getaways if enough people buy in. It sparked many copycats, including LivingSocial, Google and Facebook, though the latter ended up abandoning the effort.

In terms of mere numbers, the financial restatement doesn't amount to much. The revision lowered the company's fourth-quarter revenue by about 3 percent, to $492 million. And it widened its net loss by 4 cents, to 12 cents per share. Groupon's chief financial officer, Jason Child, said the company remains confident in its business.

But Friday wasn't the first time that Groupon has had to change its accounting. Last year, the company got in trouble for including as revenue the share it had to turn over to merchants running the deal. After federal regulators questioned the fuzzy math, the company counted only the money it got to keep and reduced its reported revenue by roughly half. All that preceded its initial public offering in November.

The fact that Groupon has had to revise its numbers again raises questions about the company's ability to manage its financial reporting and give investors an accurate picture of how it is faring.

Groupon spokesman Paul Taaffe said Monday that the company understands that "there is a certain amount of skepticism in the market" given the company's history.

But he said the company's fundamental business is strong, and such accounting issues are just part of being a business that is growing very quickly. Groupon's revenue nearly tripled in the fourth quarter from a year earlier, and its active subscriber base grew fourfold to 33 million.

"Every three months, Groupon is a different company," he said.

Groupon has evolved quickly from its roots offering mostly restaurant and spa deals from local merchants. It now curates vacation packages to such places as Egypt and the Horseshoe Casino in Robinsonville, Miss., and it sells consumer products such as memory foam mattresses and noise-canceling headphones.

Its deals aren't really daily any more, either. Subscribers can sign up for several email lists from Groupon, receiving multiple deals a day. They often have several days to decide whether they want to buy them.

More recently, with products such as an online scheduling tool for local merchants, Groupon has also shown that it wants to be an e-commerce hub for small businesses.

Several analysts are giving Groupon the benefit of the doubt even as they note shareholder frustrations. Dough Anmuth of JPMorgan said he doesn't believe the restatement shows that Groupon's business model is weakening.

"Instead we believe they reflect Groupon's dynamic deal mix and the company's extremely rapid growth in a very short amount of time," he said.

Scott Devitt of Morgan Stanley, the main underwriter for Groupon's IPO, called the announcement a "mild hiccup in Groupon's compelling long-term story."

The Chicago-based company's stock fell $3.11, or 16.9 percent, to close Monday at $15.28. The stock price is 24 percent below its IPO pricing of $20 and has traded from $14.85 to $31.14.

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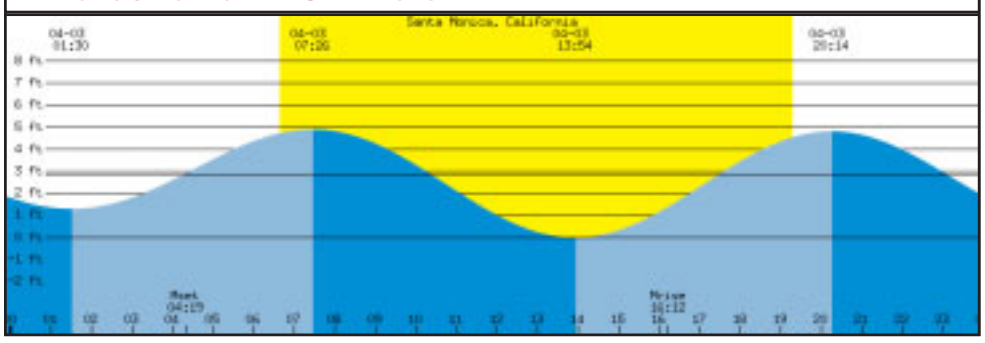
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Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	B	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	B
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	C
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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BEACH VOLLEYBALL

AVP tour has new ownership

JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

The AVP professional beach volleyball tour, which collapsed in bankruptcy two years ago, has been purchased by a former technology executive with the perfect name for the sexy, sandy sport.

Donald Sun grew up in Southern California playing indoor volleyball and watching AVP events on the local beaches. He stepped down from Kingston Technology, a Fountain Valley, Calif.-based maker of computer memory, last month to devote himself to reviving the domestic beach volleyball tour full time.

"This is not an investment. This is a career," Sun said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press shortly after the deal was announced on Monday. "I'm going to be involved."

Founded in 1983, the AVP held as many as 31 events a year in its heyday thanks to a popularity spike from the Beijing Olympics, where Americans won both the men's and women's gold medals. But the tour shut down in 2010 and filed for bankruptcy protection.

Sun's AOS Group LP reportedly paid $2 million for the tour's trademarks, video library and other assets. He said he would like to get the tour running this summer with a few events, but first he will have to line up sponsors and venues.

Several competing domestic pro tours have sprouted up in the meantime, and finding open dates on a schedule that includes an international tour and the Olympics will also be a challenge.

"We'd like to work with the other leagues to see if there's something we can do together," Sun said. "I'm the new guy. I'm going to approach this with humility and reverence."

Hans Stolfus, a former player who has worked for the AVP, said the tour will again try to capitalize on what is expected to be increased attention following the Olympics. The bikini-clad women typically draw big ratings at the games, and the American teams of Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor and Todd Rogers and Phil Dalhausser are again among the favorites to medal.

"It's late in the game, but he has every intention of putting something together as quickly as possible," Stolfus said. "It's going to be difficult, but hopefully not impossible, to get something on the calendar as early as this summer. Long-term strategy involves 2013 and beyond, but losing the attention of the sport's diehard fans for another summer after what transpired during 2010-11 isn't an ideal scenario for new ownership to overcome."

Sun played high school volleyball. He said he thought about trying out for the team after arriving at UCLA, but quickly realized he wasn't tall or otherwise talented enough to make a perennial NCAA championship contender.

"I grew up watching, loving and fully enjoying the sport," Sun said. "As a volleyball player, you see these guys out there and they're just great athletes, doing things normal people can't do."

Nick Lewin, the head of the former ownership group, said there were several offers for the AVP.

"We ... decided to sell to Donald, who has a real passion for both the sport and the brand," Lewin said. "We have the utmost confidence that Donald and his team can build the AVP into exactly what we all envision."

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SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: **BUNDY CAMPUS – NEW ROOF**. This project involves replacing the existing built up roof with a single ply roof on the SMC Bundy Campus.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: 10:00 AM, May 2, 2012
LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICE, 3171 SOUTH BUNDY DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, ATTENTION: LEE PAUL, LPI. (Temporary building at east end of parking lot.)

PLACE FOR OBTAINING BID AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: ONE COPY PER BIDDER WILL BE PROVIDED AT MANDATORY JOB WALK

Contractor is required to have a **Class: A or B and C-39** license at the time of bid submission. **Labor Compliance Program (AB 1506)**. The District has established a Labor Compliance Program ('LCP") pursuant to Labor Code 1771.5. The Contractor awarded the Contract for the Work shall comply with the LCP and provisions of the Contract Documents relating to implementation, compliance with, and enforcement of the LCP.
No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of **sixty (60) days** after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.
The District will conduct a **Mandatory Job Walk on April 11, 2012, at 10:00 am**. **Bidder's attendance at the Job Walk is mandatory.** Bidders are to meet at **LPI Construction Management Office, 3171 South Bundy Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90066** for conduct of the Job Walk. The Bid Proposal submitted by a Bidder whose representative(s) did not attend the entirety of the Mandatory Job Walk will be rejected by the District as being non-responsive.
Pursuant to California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.
The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Trustees to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest priced responsive Bid Proposal.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
4:00pm, 10:00pm

John Carter (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
1:00pm, 7:00pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:45pm

Intruders (R) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Dark Tide (PG-13) 1hr 34min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
10:45am, 11:45am, 1:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:30pm

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
10:45am, 12:05pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:45pm, 10:30pm

Mirror Mirror (PG) 1hr 46min
11:50am, 2:40pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:40pm, 9:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Detachment (NR) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) 1hr 21min
1:30pm, 3:40pm, 5:50pm, 8:00pm, 10:10pm

Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Manzanar Fishing Club (NR) 1hr 14min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm, 9:40pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 1hr 35min
11:55am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
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Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
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Mirror Mirror (PG) 1hr 46min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
6:45pm, 9:30pm

Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) 1hr 23min
10:00pm

Friends With Kids (R) 1hr 40min
11:05am, 4:00pm

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Casa de mi Padre (R) 1hr 24min
1:50pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Meet a friend after work, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Curb your desire to prove yourself through finances and concrete results. Once in a while, with certain interpersonal relationships, this aspiration can only help. Tonight: Reveal your fiery side.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might have difficulty understanding some of the basics surrounding an important issue. If you detach, you will grasp the implications of a potential decision. Make a judgment from a solid base. Tonight: Brainstorm with a friend over munchies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Venus moves into your sign and graces you with gentleness and a newfound glow. These traits will stay with you for a little while. Keep your eye on a very important project. If this idea really is heartfelt, follow through. Prioritize, and you will not go wrong. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Express yourself clearly. You might notice that someone can be hurtful. It is more likely that you are oversensitive to this type of behavior. Tonight: Be a little more skeptical when meeting someone new.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A friend is a source of good news. Do not allow yourself to take a risk, even if this person believes it is a sure bet. Confusion surrounds finances and joint partnerships. Slow down, and you'll make better decisions. Ask questions and investigate everything you need to. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You become revitalized. A boss or parent will notice your vibrancy. When asked if you want to join a common cause or project, don't hesitate, but discuss where you might be reticent. Those you must respect or impress like what they see. Tonight: As you like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You wake up with a strong game plan, only to see it quickly dissolve. This encourages you to demonstrate flexibility and consideration for others. The choices you make now will reflect who you are, more so than with most other situations. Tonight: Take some much-needed downtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You have been very aware of the politics of a decision. At this point, you decide which way to go -- the winning side. A partner chimes in with agreement. Do not react to a pushy friend. Let it be. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might try to understand what someone is really saying, or the reasoning behind his or her statements. Think positively, yet be aware of a tendency to fall for deception at this time in your life. Tonight: Stay detached.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Think much and say little. You might be making too big a deal about a situation or conversation. Pull back some and see what evolves. Stay as neutral as possible; your words easily could be misinterpreted. Tonight: Indulge a little. Meet a friend after work.

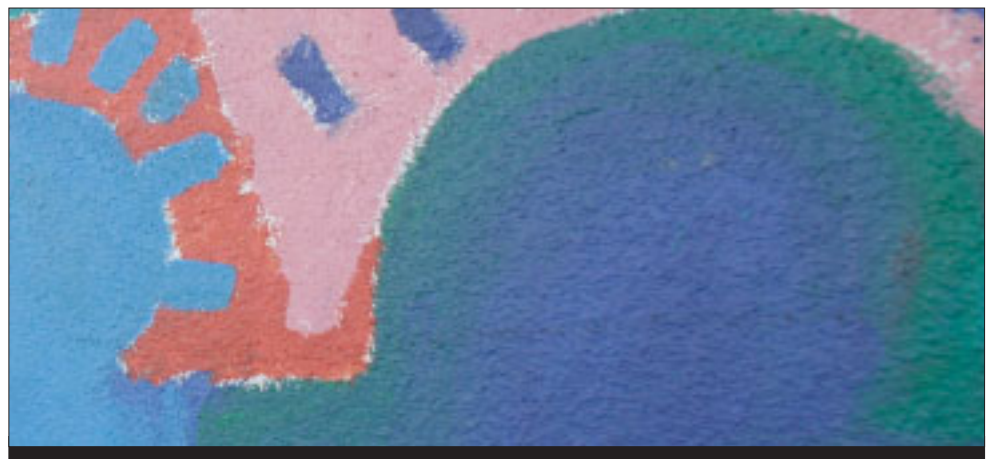
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Deal directly with someone regarding an issue that involves you. You could see many issues arise that you thought were settled. Use caution if money is involved. Mistakes easily could occur. Tonight: Chat with a friend over a favorite meal.

PISCES (Feb. 21-March 20)
★★★★ Others seem to need you, whether it is your feedback, moral support or simply an offer to pitch in. When you feel overwhelmed by everything you need to accomplish, say "no." A loved one or special friend could be vitriolic. Tonight: Go with someone else's suggestion.

Happy birthday

Curb a tendency to focus on petty issues and to get caught up in them. Use your ability of critical discernment to improve the quality of your work, writing, projects and interactions. Know that perfection is not a goal to be desired, and accept your humanness. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease after spring. You might choose someone different in a few years, so don't commit too fast. If you are attached, do not criticize your sweetie. You simply are in an overly critical phase. VIRGO can work well with your creative needs.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

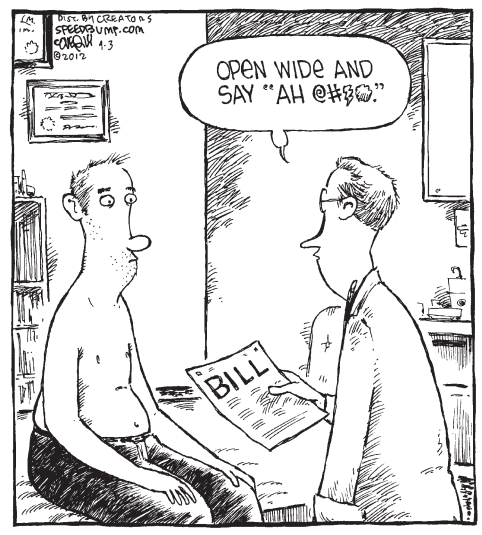


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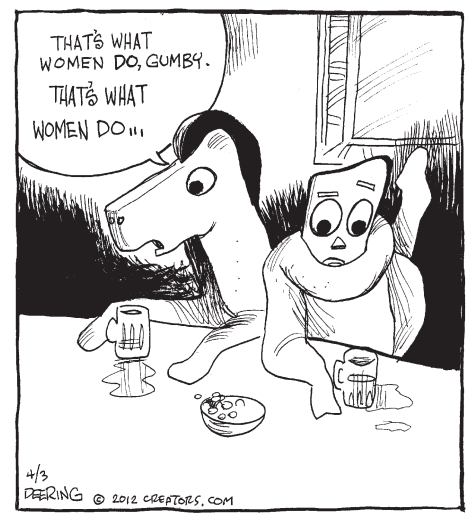
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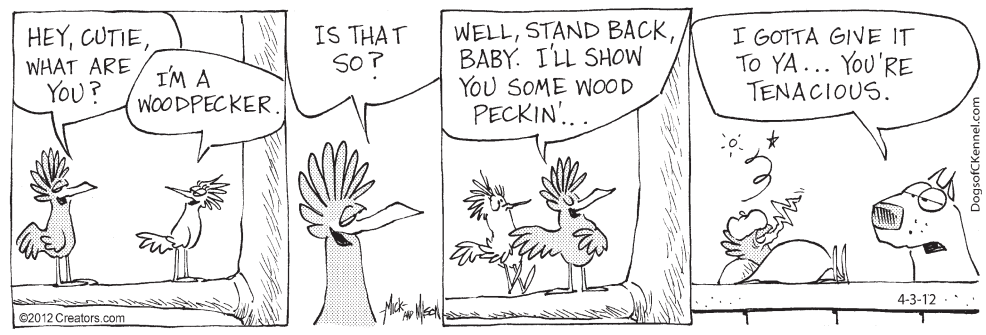
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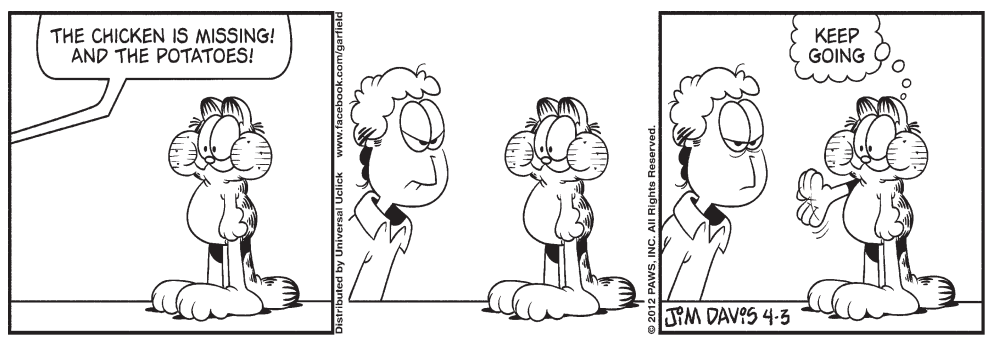
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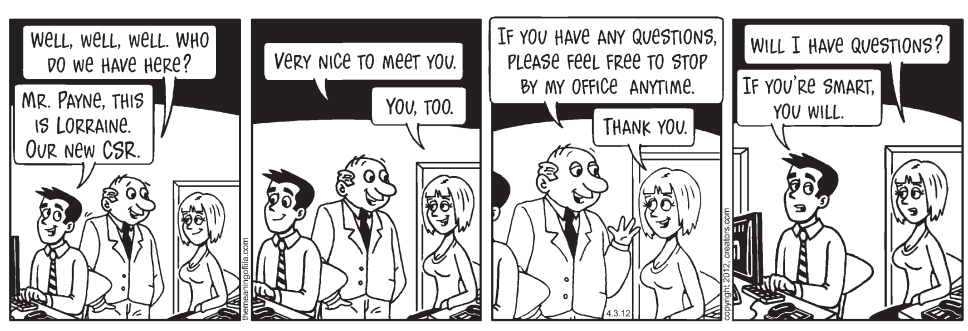
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★

	2	5		6		9	1	
		7	9			5		
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		1			6	2		
	6	8		9		7	5	

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	9	1	4	3	8	7	5	2
8	5	3	9	7	2	1	4	6
2	7	4	6	5	1	3	9	8
3	4	9	7	1	6	8	2	5
1	8	7	2	4	5	9	6	3
5	6	2	8	9	3	4	7	1
7	1	5	3	2	4	6	8	9
9	3	6	5	8	7	2	1	4
4	2	8	1	6	9	5	3	7

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 In the cards
6 Sandbar
11 Full of energy
12 Keyed up
13 Slows down and stops
15 English article
16 Golf goal
17 Scoundrel
18 Fish in a can
20 Pupil's place
21 Inquire
22 Tavern order
23 Electronics piece
26 Seasonal ailments
27 Historic times
28 Sizzling
29 In favor of
30 Sewer entry
34 Ones with power
35 Ancient
36 Kilmer of "The Doors"
37 Is remembered
40 Singer Cara
41 Kitchen cooker
42 Looks after
43 Ranch animal

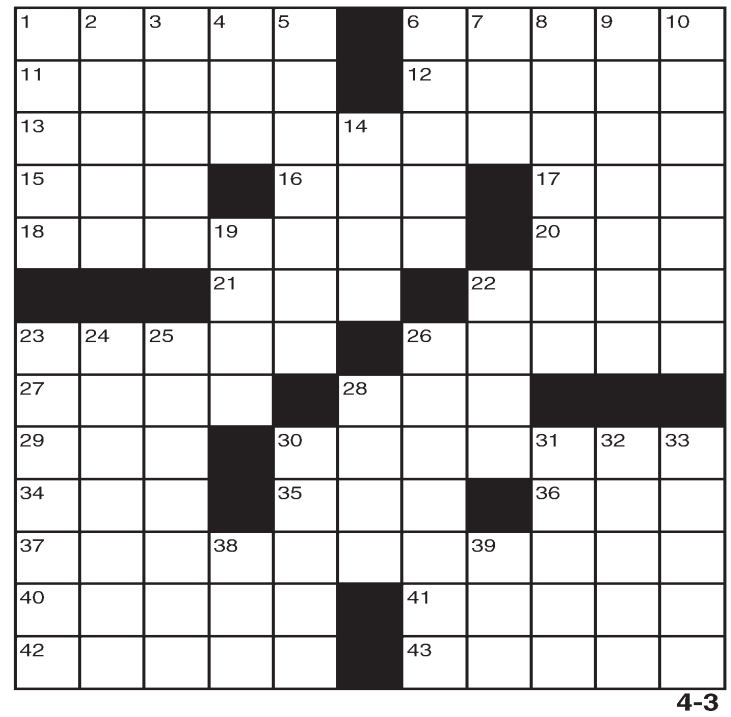
DOWN

1 Almanac fill
2 Hilo hello
3 Stopwatch
4 Second person
5 Loathe
6 Mall business
7 That lady
8 Like a short film
9 Rated gold
10 Some mail
14 Aquarium
19 June honorees
22 One and the other
23 Campaign topic
24 Smelter's need
25 Galley workers
26 Andean birds
28 Sentry's order
30 Aaron's brother
31 Like lambs
32 Jessica of "Frances"
33 Town leader
38 Finish
39 Small rug

P	A	P	A	S	■	A	S	A	P	■
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A	R	D	O	R	■	B	A	L	E	S
R	E	E	F	■	P	A	D	■	■	■
C	O	F	F	E	E	B	E	A	N	S
A	P	E	■	P	A	Y	■	F	O	P
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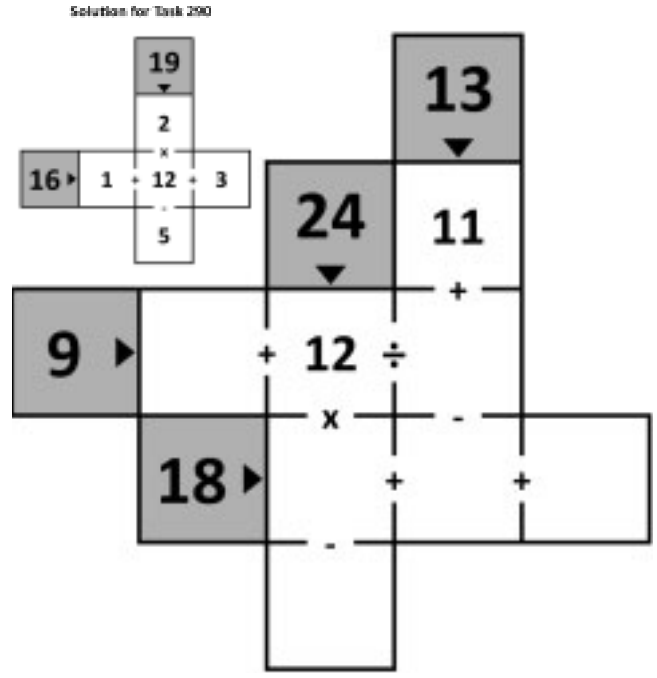
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Solution for Task 290



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Meganumber: 13
Jackpot: $7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/2
8 15 19 26 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/2
MIDDAY: 7 2 8
EVENING: 8 3 5

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In a world of advancing technology and declining map-reading skills, some GPS navigator users blindly over-rely on the devices, and News of the Weird has reported enough of their predicaments to mark the category "no longer weird." However, three Japanese students on holiday near Brisbane, Australia, in March created a new standard for ignoring common sense. Bound for North Stradbroke Island (about eight miles offshore), the driver (according to authorities cited by the local Bayside Bulletin) apparently put maps and eyesight aside, in favor of the all-powerful Navigator, which had instructed him to proceed. As news spread on the Internet, photographers rushed to capture the car, half-buried in sand. (In the students' defense, the beach seemed to extend to the horizon at low tide -- although the word "island" might have deserved more respect.) [Bayside Bulletin (Cleveland, Australia), 3-15-2012]

■ The entire village (almost!) of Sodeto, Spain, shared the grand prize in the country's huge Christmas lottery in December, earning each of the 70 households the equivalent of at least $130,000. The joint buy-in of tickets is a town ritual, but one resident missed the canvassing: filmmaker Costis Mitsotakis, who said he was happy that everyone else was happy. (The dark side of winning: Hucksters flooded the town from all over the country.) [New York Times, 1-31-2012]

TODAY IN HISTORY

1955 - The American Civil Liberties Union announces it will defend Allen Ginsberg's book Howl against obscenity charges.

1956 - Hudsonville-Standale Tornado: The western half of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan is struck by a deadly F5 tornado.

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noun: 1. A complaint.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PRESERVE AN INTEREST

This notice is intended to preserve an interest in real property from extinguishment pursuant to Section 880.020 et seq of the Civil Code of the State of California (Marketable Record Title).

I, Erik Rothenberg, as claimant, mailing address, 8333 Zitola Terrace, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293, claim the following described interest in lawfully acquired real property from CONNIE J. RODRIGUEZ, and ERIK ROTHENBERG, A Single Man herein on 29th December 1998. Deed Of Trust(s) and any Assignments thereto dated after 29th December 1998 Recorders No.(s) 98 2351077 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as their Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 99 1109766 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA NT&SA pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee and/or its successors in interest and/or assigns, 00-0858213 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 01-2061622 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 03 0457608 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing PRLAP, INC. as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 03 1746486 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 03 3309074 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing PRLAP, INC. as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 04-0036858 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., 04 1856204 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee, 04 2163639 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing PRLAP, INC. as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 05 2778812 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing PRLAP, INC. as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, and/or any other assigns have been Cancelled for Cause of Fraud: Breach on 2nd November 2011. Said Cancellation as right of claimant is asserted pursuant to California Commercial Code Section 2106(4) and California Civil Code §1700 and claimant retains remedy for breach of the whole contract or any unperformed balance.

The above described interest is claimed based on that certain GRANT DEED recorded on 29th December 1998, in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California as Recorder's No. 98 2351076.

The real property upon which the above described interest is claimed is described as follows:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

LOT 59 OF THAT PORTION OF LOT 60 IN BLOCK 36 OF TRACT NO. 9809, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 145 PAGES 91 TO 96 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY

APN 4115-002-011

Original document, including balance exhibits

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Verified Claim in Support of Notice of Interest, Grantor's Affidavit of Cancellation, Owner's Affidavit, Verified Bonded Durable Notice of Interest, Verified Claim/Complaint, Property Description on file with California Secretary of State as UCC-3 Addendum to filing statement file #: 1273017882599 or may be viewed at 322 Culver Blvd. #365, Playa del Rey, CA 90293 during business hours until 60 days from the date of this notice.

SUMMONS
(Citacion Judicial)
CASE NUMBER BC471094
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (Aviso Al Demando): LINDSAY LOHAN, an idividual; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (Lo Está Demandando El Demandante): ELITE TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES, INC., a California Corporation

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org) the California Courts Online self-help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien ofor waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales pare presenter una respuesta per escrito en esta code y hacar que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesza per escrito tiene que ester en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar pare su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de bago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumpilmiento y corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, pueda llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpia con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucre en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o poniendose en cantacto con la corte o el colegio de abagados locales.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es):
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
111 NORTH HILL STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

The name, address, and telephone number of

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plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
LAURIE D. RAU (183035)
ANTHONY G. CHAVOS (131937)
CHAVOS & RAU, APLC
3 MACARTHUR PLACE, SUITE 150, SANTA ANA, CA 92707
Glendora, CA 91740
Telephone: (714) 435-9505
Date (Fecha): 02/22/2012
SHAUNYA WESLEY, Deputy (Adjunto)
SEAL
NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual defendant
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012039705 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/08/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MUSE BREWING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Marcia Bencomo 1021 20th St. Apt A Santa MOnica, CA 90403. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Marcia Bencomo. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/08/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/20/2012, 03/27/2012, 04/03/2012, 04/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012031480 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/24/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VIBRANT AURA FOODS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Aura Patricia ortiz Rabago 1323 Federal Ave. #4 Los Angeles, CA 90025. This Business is being conducted by: . The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Aura Patricia ortiz Rabago. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/24/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/20/2012, 03/27/2012, 04/03/2012, 04/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012039706 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/08/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FENIX 1976 MUSIC. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Zachary (Zak) Shaffer 612 Pacific St. Apt. #5 Santa Monica, CA 90405. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Zachary (Zak) Shaffer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/08/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012032315 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/27/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BECOOLTRAFFICSCHOOL.COM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Less Stress Online Traffic School, Inc. 11016 E. Ventura Blvd. Suite D Studio City, CA, 91604. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Roslyn L. Busch. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/27/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/27/2012, 04/03/2012, 04/10/2012, 04/17/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012032314 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/27/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LESSSTRESSTRAFFICSCHOOL.COM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Roslyn Lorraine Busch 11059 Fruitland Dr. #15 Studio City, CA 91604. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Roslyn Lorraine Busch. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/27/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/27/2012, 04/03/2012, 04/10/2012, 04/17/2012.

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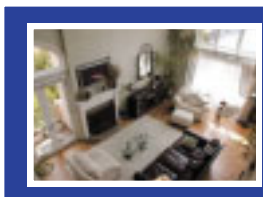


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